

REMARKS

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner requested that the high and low energy X-ray sources of the prescanner be shown in the drawings because they are claimed.

Applicants traverse this objection. The prescanner is shown in block diagram form, without illustrating the details of the X-ray source, the X-ray detector, or the like. A dual energy prescanner, like the one described in the preferred embodiment and claimed, is well known in the art. Thus, the details of the dual energy X-ray source need not be shown in the drawings. Again, the drawings illustrate the prescanner in block diagram form, rather than in a form that illustrates the details. Accordingly, the prescanner itself is shown in the drawings and is described as preferably including dual energy. Thus, the requirement under 37 CFR 1.83(a) of showing all that is claimed has been met. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Proposed corrections to FIG. 5 have been made and are enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-32 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 15 has been amended. As a result claims 15-32 are pending for examination with claims 15, 20, 22, 27, 28 and 32 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

In this amendment, the Applicants have canceled claims 1-14. Claim 15 is among claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In particular, the Examiner notes that the claim fails to recite specifically prescanning with an X-ray scanner as disclosed in the specification. Accordingly, claim 15 has been amended to recite prescanning using an X-ray scanner. Claim 15 was otherwise deemed allowable. Therefore, claim 15 as amended is allowable.

Because claims 16-19 depend from and further limit claim 15, each of such claims is allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 20-32 were noted as allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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